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REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1 - 20 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 1 - 13 and 19 - 20 are canceled without prejudice.

Claim 14 has been amended to place it in independent form and remove the dependency of claims 15 - 18 from a rejected base claim. Therefore, the claims whose rejections were reversed are now in condition for allowance.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In light of the above remarks, it is requested that the claims as written now be considered as in proper condition for allowance.

This response represents an earnest effort to place the application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as now claimed from the applied references. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of Claims 14 - 18 is respectfully requested.

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